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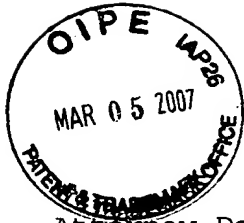
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AMENDMENT B

Pursuant to filing an accompanying Request for Continued Examination and in response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.